



Cincinnati Park Board 2004 Annual Report





Park Board Commissioners

2004 Board of Park Commissioners



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Mission Statement

Conserving, managing, sustaining, and enhancing parks' natural and cultural resources and public greenspaces – for the enjoyment, enlightenment, and enrichment of the Cincinnati community.

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Dear Business and Community Leaders:

I am pleased to present the Cincinnati Park Board's 2004 Annual Report. We have experienced another successful year and we are excited to share our achievements with you. Thanks to the hard work of our employees, stakeholders, and neighborhood partners our parks remain Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green, and Beautiful. As we prepare for 2005, we continue to look forward to serving the citizens of Cincinnati.

Willie F. Carden, Jr.
Director of Cincinnati Parks

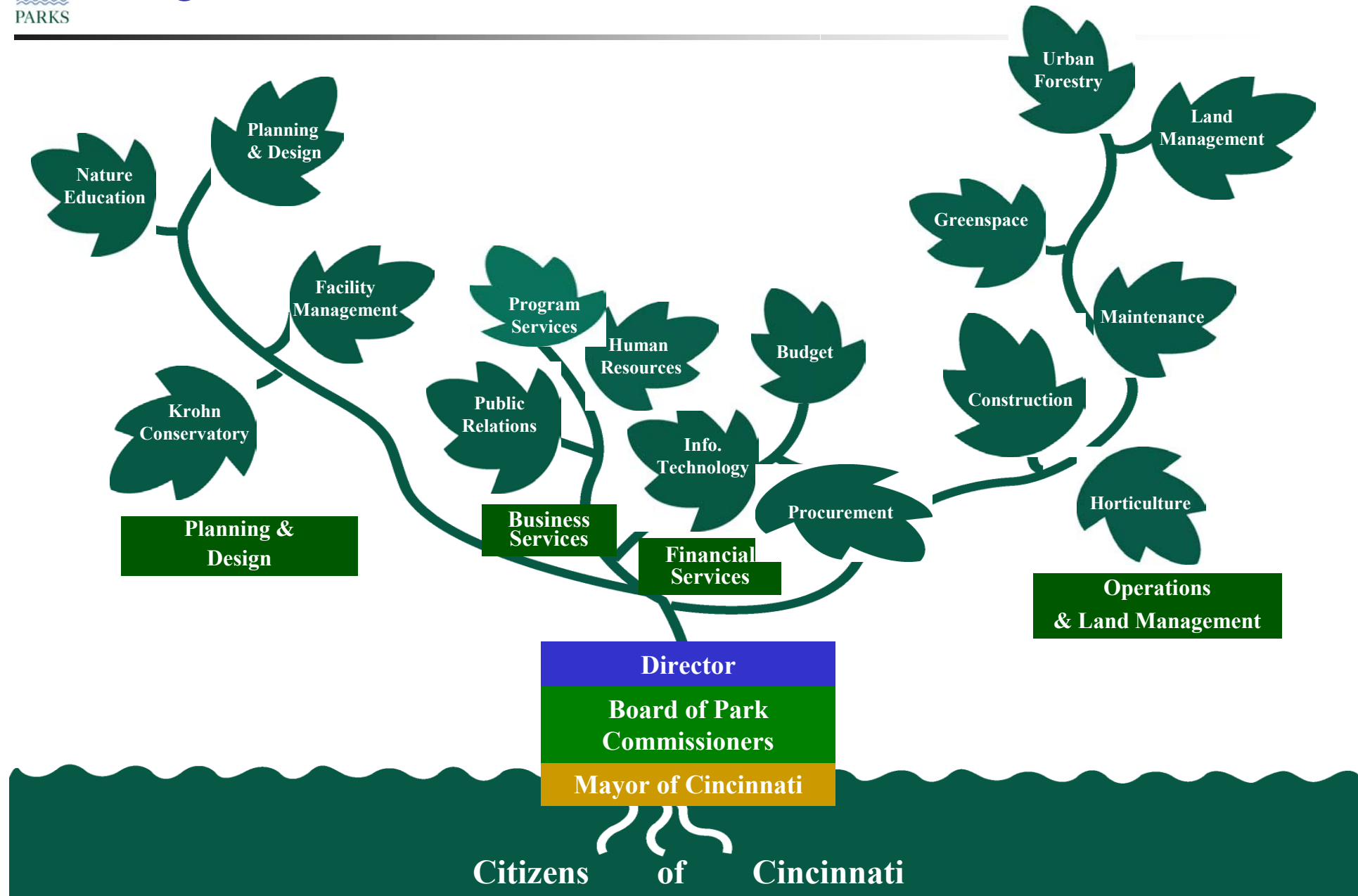


About the Cover: CASTLE OF AIR - The Mayors of Cincinnati and Munich, Germany dedicated the gift of the “Castle of Air” sculpture at Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park to the citizens of Cincinnati on April 18, 2004.

KROHN CONSERVATORY - Parks celebrated the completion of the four-year capital project, the re-glazing of the Krohn Conservatory, with the “Art of Glass” event on October 22, 2004.

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Organizational Chart



Letter from the Director of Parks

Back to Basics

The 2004 Annual Report highlights the outstanding services delivered and projects accomplished by the Cincinnati Park Board. Last year's theme, "Back to Basics", was a response to the expectation that 2004 would be a very challenging economic year for the City. I knew that focusing on the basics would enable us to meet the challenge, because the basics for Parks are 1) to set and achieve targets for excellent service delivery and park improvements, 2) to serve the community by implementing Park Board priorities, and 3) to maximize our resources by accepting with appreciation the contributions of our enthusiastic volunteers, gracious sponsors and tireless community partners.

During 2004 the Park Board was asked, and agreed, to implement some exigent cost saving measures. Most notably, Parks had to separate the seasonal workforce a month early, requiring that certain park facilities be closed in August instead of mid-October. The fiscal responsibility exhibited by Parks earned the support of the Mayor and City Manager in closing out 2004 and in establishing the 2005/2006 biennial budget. It was a turning point for Parks in the fall of 2004 when the Mayor and the City Manager presented parks as one of the five core city services in the City's biennial budget. I am proud that Parks was recognized as a basic city service, that the Mayor, City Manager and City Council appreciated the fact that Cincinnati has one of the "Best Urban Park Systems" in the country.

The Annual Report is organized to present our 2004 accomplishments in line with our basic principles, that Cincinnati Parks be clean, safe, reliable, green and beautiful. Our basic management theme for Parks is also described in the Report. "Excellence Is Our Nature" reflects that the Park Board manages the park system in a way that adds value for the community. I hope that readers find that underlying all the work and accomplishments is the enjoyment of parks – life is an attitude, and people come to parks to enjoy life.

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank the Board of Park Commissioners for their continued support and leadership. The Park employees work very hard at doing the best and most efficient job possible for the Board and the citizens of the greater Cincinnati area. Through your perusal of

the 2004 Annual Report, I am sure you will agree that the efforts by the Park Board staff, along with our many volunteers and community partners, provide Cincinnati with an excellent park system that is basic to the quality of life in our city.

Willie F. Carden, Jr.
Director of Parks



Eden Park is symbolic of the five Park Board Principles:
"Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green, & Beautiful"

Cincinnati Parks Overview

Cincinnati Parks – “Everybody’s Backyard!”

The Cincinnati Park Board manages the City of Cincinnati’s parklands. The management vision is for our parks to be clean, safe, reliable, green and beautiful. Park properties constitute over 5,000 acres, which amounts to approximately 10% of the City’s total land area. Parklands consist of 5 regional parks, 70 neighborhood parks, 34 natural areas, 5 neighborhood nature centers, 30 sites managed by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, 5 parkways, 16 scenic overlooks and 50 miles of hiking & bridle trails. Specialized park property includes the Cincinnati Zoo, Pioneer Cemetery, Victory Parkway Fields, Krohn Conservatory and Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park on the downtown riverfront. Park Board responsibilities extend to managing the City’s non-park natural resources, including Urban Forestry’s 80,000 street trees, and select highway green spaces and neighborhood gateways.

The City Charter authorizes the Board of Park Commissioners to control and manage the parks. The mission of the Park Board is “To conserve, manage, sustain, and enhance parks’ natural and cultural resources and public green space—for the enjoyment, enlightenment and enrichment of the Cincinnati community.”

The Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners is a five-member citizen board, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council to serve six-year terms. Current Commissioners: Marian J. Lindberg, President; Howard H. Bond, Vice President; Otto M. Budig, Jr., Roscoe A. Fultz, and Francis P. Russell. The Park Director and employees are appointed by the Commissioners to implement Park Board policies, park rules and work programs. The work is performed by 119 full-time and 75 part-time employees. The department’s total \$14.2 million budget includes funding from the City’s General, Capital Improvement and Infrastructure Funds, restricted fund fees/charges, and the citywide street tree Urban Forestry assessment. The Financial Services section manages Park’s operating and capital budget, seeks grants, manages endowment funds, and administers procurement, telecommunications, and the department’s computer network. The Business Services section manages human resources, business planning, customer services including park facility reservations and pro-

ducing free public concerts, and supports the 16 Park Advisory Councils made up of citizen advocates of neighborhood parks.

The Division of Operations, Land Management and Urban Forestry manages the reliability (maintenance) and beautification of 75 parks as well as nature preserves, meadowlands and prairies, and manages Park’s fleet of vehicles and motorized equipment. The division is also responsible for planting and maintaining 80,000 street trees within 1,000 miles of City streets, and managing select highway and gateway green space within the City.

The Division of Planning and Design provides park planning, engineering, landscape, and design services. The division maintains 130 park structures, plans and designs new parks, manages infrastructure and landscape projects, and manages the capital improvement program. This division also manages the Krohn Conservatory (open to the public 7 days a week) and Nature Education with programs delivered through the five Nature Centers and the popular summer nature camps in our neighborhood parks.



Everybody’s Backyard Picnic - Fleischmann Gardens

Excellence Is Our Nature

“Excellence Is Our Nature” was the Park Board’s operational theme for 2004. In addition to being inspirational, the theme describes a service improvement philosophy that has added value to taxpayer dollars. Since 2001, the Park Board has aggressively pursued re-engineering park maintenance services to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Parks successfully competed with outside contractors, due to the expertise and commitment to excellence by Park staff. By the end of 2004, the documented cost avoidance savings of using Park crews instead of contractors totaled over \$800,000!

The Park Board advanced the competitive process in the City by engaging in the Managed Competition program. Parks already led other city departments in contracting out services where we found it to be more efficient, with 20% of the park maintenance budget contracted out. Parks used the Managed Competition methodology to document the work procedures and standards into a scope of services format that allowed fair comparison of in-house costs compared to contractor bids. Parks was certified by the City Purchasing Division to conduct a true and fair competition, and was required to provide a sealed cost estimate before contractor bids were received. We are proud to report that Park employees won every head-to-head bid competition!



Washington Park Improvements

21 Individual Cost Centers, evaluated through Competition with the Private Sector

Year	Project	Cost Avoidance
2001	Hyde Park Tree Maintenance	\$41,900
2001	Maintenance Planters Fort Washington Way	\$16,404
2003	Trash Pickup	\$230,000
2003	Maintenance Southwest Parks (8 Parks)	\$54,700
2003	Maintenance of all 52 Playgrounds	\$150,000
2003	Cleaning of Restrooms	\$14,000
2004	Greenspace Program (24 Locations)	\$55,479
2004	Maintenance Downtown Parks (7 Parks)	\$238,407
Total Cost Avoided		\$800,890



Grounds for Celebration

Rated as One of the Top Urban Park Systems in the Nation

- Designated by the Trust for Public Land

Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) Honors

- Management Innovation/Special Project Award
 - Award of Excellence: The Culture Exchange via Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park
- Natural Resource Award-Natural Resources Management
 - Meritorious Award: McEvoy Park Wetlands
- Marketing/Technology Marketing Award
 - Honorable Mention: Wildflowers of California Woods website
 - Honorable Mention: Wireless Internet Service at Piatt Park
- Program Awards – Youth Programs and Events
 - Honorable Mention: Nature Next Door



Orchid Society of Cincinnati

- Krohn Conservatory won the Blue Ribbon – Class Trophy for the Orchid Display

Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce

- Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park Named to the International Hall of Fame in 2004

City Beat Magazine 2004 “Reader Picks” Awards

- “Best Use of Public Funds”

Tree-City USA

- Tree-City USA Award for 24 Consecutive Years
- 2004 Growth Award



American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Design Award

- Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park

National Publications by Park Employees

- “Tree Root & Sidewalk Study” in the Journal of Arboriculture by Robin Hunt & Dr. Sydnor of Ohio State University
- “Measuring Cincinnati’s Tree Canopy” in the Journal of the Society of Municipal Arborists by Dave Gamstetter

Grounds for Celebration

Park Employee Awards Celebrated in 2004

National Award



Vivian Wagner was named by the National Association for Interpreters (NAI) as the Outstanding/Master Interpretive Manager for Region 4 (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Ontario).

Park Board Awards

Mentor of the Year

Jo Richardson

The Mentor of the year award is presented to the employee who has been instrumental in encouraging others to become what they want to be.

Manager of the Year

Andrea Schepmann

Recognition of supervisors and managers who have demonstrated exceptional human resource practices, including leadership, team building, serving as a role model on a continuing basis.

Ambassador's Award

Mark House

Presented to employees who put the citizen and other customers (including co-workers) first; provide the highest level of courtesy and service to the department and the public every day.

Commissioner's Award

Gary Partridge

Park Board employee who epitomizes the Mission statement of the Park Board, is a great example of excellence in our department, has acted as a change agent to make Parks better.

Outstanding Park Crew Construction Crew

**Jim Schmidt
Phil Anderson**

Presented to the Park crew that demonstrates a sense of ownership, provides a spectacular park area; meets maintenance schedules (litter pick up, mowing), good spirit of teamwork, good overall safety record, good relations with the community and special accomplishments.

Safety Award

**Lamont Hill
Mike Geers**

Presented to the employee(s) who consistently promotes safety individually, and for the team, or department.

2004 Safety Rodeo Event Winners

String Trimming
Grounds Master
Truck Serpentine Course
Tree Identification

**Fred Whitfield
Ken Davis
Mike Geers
Robin Hunt**

Outstanding Seasonal Employees, by Assignment

Nature Education
West District
East/Central District
Krohn Conservatory
Natural Resource Management

**Derrick Ramsey
Greg Clark
Thomas Peter
Jeseca Davis
Matthew Hood**

New in 2004 - Horticultural Awards to Park Florists



"Best Overall Garden" (Ault Park)
Brian Vorholt, Florist



"Best Curb Appeal" (Torrence Parkway)
Patricia Osterhaus, Florist

Nature Education

Educational Services reached 41,255 people in 2004 through public weekend programs, school field trips, summer day camps, after school programs, city wide special events and inner city "at risk" youth nature programs. Nature Education programs were offered at four Cincinnati Park Board nature centers, as well as in parks located in many Cincinnati neighborhoods. Here are the Nature Education highlights of 2004:

The acclaimed "Nature-Next-Door" (NND) program provided inner-city summer programs at five sites, serving over 3,478 children which was an increase of 8% over 2003.

The "Nature Connection" program reached 1,730 children during the 2004 school year which was an increase of 17%.

The two-year Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant (\$50,000) was completed and all grant requirements were met. The grant was utilized to create a teacher lending library and teacher training sessions were held. Two training manuals were also created. Additionally, two grants were obtained for teacher training (\$600 Ecosystems and \$1,000 Project Wild).

The 2005 School Program guide was sent to 2,500 teachers and quarterly guides were sent out for all programs.

Educational partnerships were a great success with 40 programs conducted with such partners as the Cincinnati Wildflower Society, Hamilton County Park District, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, the Audubon Society, the County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Sierra Club.

Staff worked with community councils and advisory councils to conduct educational programs at neighborhood events.

A full range of programs were offered at the nature centers and at various sites throughout the park system. Programs received customer satisfaction rates exceeding 90%.



Canoeing at Rapid Run



Nature Next Door – Kennedy Heights Park

Nature Education

The Nature Education staff provided 45 summer camps that took place in 17 Cincinnati Park locations. The camps served 4,894 campers (3,478 in NND and 1,416 in all other camps) in all 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods.

The Nature Education section presented 1,038 programs to 41,255 participants in 2004. This was down from 1,271 programs and 44,083 participants in 2003. Total revenue for 2004 was \$109,400 compared to \$121,300 in 2003.

Nature Education staff developed a web page depicting the diverse wildflowers found at the California Woods Nature Preserve. The web page is www.cincinnati-nature.org. A web page was also developed to assist local teachers in how to use Cincinnati Parks in their lesson plans. This web site is www.naturenextdoor.org.



Nature Next Door Thank You to Sponsors at Martin Luther King Park

“Nature Next Door” Brings Children Together to Say Thanks.

The Cincinnati Park Department took time out to thank the supporters of the “Nature Next Door” program. The mission of the Nature Next Door program is to provide positive opportunities to children who have limited access to summer programs and might not otherwise be able to attend summer camp or have experiences with nature. Each week the programming will focus on a different topic and children will have the opportunity to interact with live animals. Children participating in the program presented thank you cards to the funding partners the Parks Foundation, the Saks Inc. Foundation and the Ladislav and Vilma Segoe Family Foundation.

Nature Next door rotates from Park to park by day of the week:

- Mondays: Dyer Park and Sprayground, West End
- Tuesdays: Dempsey Park, East Price Hill
- Wednesday: Bond Hill Park, Bond Hill
- Thursday: Martin Luther King Park, Avondale
- Fridays: Inwood Park, Mt. Auburn

Summer Camp Celebration at Ault Park

Park Board, Council Kickoff Summer at a Park Nature Camp

To welcome summer, and to thank the public for their continued support of the Nature Camp programs provided by the Cincinnati Park Board, the Cincinnati Park Board held a light-hearted ceremony at the Heekin Overlook in Ault Park.

More than 50 parents and their children were on hand to hear remarks from park dignitaries such as Mrs. Marian Lindberg, Park Board President, Ms. Ty Easley of the Park Foundation Trustees, Mr. Peter Brumm of the Ault Park Advisory Council and Mr. Willie F. Carden, Jr., Parks Director, as well as Cincinnati Councilman David Crowley.

Each speaker talked of the importance of community involvement in retaining the funding for the Parks Nature Education programs. According to Mrs. Lindberg, the parents of summer campers, and those who may have attended a Parks Nature Camp in their youth, are key reasons that City Council made the decision to restore 2004 funding for the Nature Education division of Parks. “Thanks to you, we are able to continue the 75-year tradition of Nature Camps in Cincinnati Parks,” said Mrs. Lindberg.

Krohn Conservatory

Krohn Conservatory, one of the jewels in the Queen City's crown, was renovated during the summer of 2004. After four months of work, Krohn reopened to the public on October 23, featuring a range of improvements to the 71-year-old conservatory. The public exposure and media attention to the reopening was extraordinary. The Parks Planning staff managed the design and installation of the display, the interpretive signs and the donor recognition sign. Krohn staff installed the plants in the display that won an award from the Orchid Society. Here are some of the improvements that were implemented:

- Safety glass was installed throughout the facility
- An ADA ramp was placed in the Palm House
- Renovation of the Gift shop and Visitors' Center
- Numerous building repairs
- A new carnivorous and orchid display made possible by a generous gift of \$250,000 from the Dornette Foundation sponsored by the Fifth Third Bank
- A free WiFi hotspot was installed through sponsorships with Good News and LPK

In all, there was an investment of over \$3 million over the last four years at the Conservatory. In 2004 alone, over \$1.2 million was invested in Krohn.

The 9th Annual International Butterfly Show opened on May 8 and ran through June 20. The theme was "Wings Around the World" and featured more than 75 unique and exotic butterflies from all corners of the globe including North America, Central America, Asia, Africa, and the Philippines. More than 1,000 butterflies were released inside the Conservatory each week to ensure that everyone had a memorable visit. The Butterfly Show represented the entire metamorphosis of these amazing creatures from leaf-eating caterpillars to the sole resident inside a homemade cocoon or chrysalis to the rebirth of a beautiful butterfly. The Butterfly Show brought in over \$225,000 in total revenue plus another \$190,000 of in-kind services, and attendance of over 50,000.

Other highlights included:

- Four Floral Shows and the Ninth Annual Butterfly Show were produced and all achieved high rates of customer satisfaction.

- There were 28 sponsors in 2004 for shows, programs and events at Krohn. Total cash sponsorships were \$69,000 plus in-kind donations exceeding \$200,000 in value.
- In addition to the floral shows, there were 83 other events and programs at Krohn.
- The Visitor Center responded to over 21,000 calls.
- A new Orchid and Carnivorous display was created by staff within the new exhibit area and the display won a prize from the Orchid Society.
- Staff provided invaluable support during the summer/fall construction project at Krohn and provided assistance to Operations during the summer on a variety of projects.
- The number of active volunteers at Krohn increased by 22% to a total of 66. There were 22 volunteer-related programs and events.
- There were 16 programs hosted with horticultural organizations, eight of which contributed cash or in-kind donations.
- Partners included Master Gardeners, Bonsai, Orchid and Cactus Societies, Cincinnati Symphony, Prolawn, Sister City Association, Art Academy, and the Civic Garden Center.



Tour of Krohn Conservatory

Park Improvements

Infrastructure renovation, park enhancement and restoration, facility repair and management, and long range planning and design, are the central focus of the Planning & Design Division. Park improvement projects in 2004 included the following:

Fernbank Park - The first wave of improvements following a landmark new partnership with the Hamilton County Park District (HCPD) were completed. The partnership resulted in a lease for the park, under which HCPD funded improvements as well as operations and maintenance. This saves the city millions. In 2005, HCPD will construct the next phase of improvements. Park staff worked with HCPD staff and reviewed and approved first phase plans and also reviewed second phase plans.

Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park - A major gift from Cincinnati's sister city of Munich, Germany was installed at this award-winning park. The gift, named the "Castle of Air," is a contemporary pavilion/sculpture. It is an impressive new piece of public art and was a gift worth \$400,000. It also helped raise the City's international profile. Staff managed the entire project from design to shipping to permitting and installation. This included site design and landscaping.

Alms Park Overlook - Over \$90,000 was raised by the community to support a new overlook near the Alms Park Pavilion. This will be matched by the Park Board. The overlook will be completed in the spring of 2005. Staff managed the design and bidding of the project and worked with the community fundraising group.

Orchid Display at Krohn - The Dornette Foundation committed a gift of \$250,000 for the expansion and enhancement of Krohn's Orchid House which reopened to the public in October. Planning staff managed the design and installation of the display, the interpretive signs and the donor recognition sign. Krohn staff installed the plants in the display which won an award from the Orchid Society.

Krohn Enhancements - The fourth and final phase of the complete reglazing of Krohn Conservatory was completed along with such improvements as the construction of a handicap ramp in the Palm House, improvements at the Visitor Center and Gift Shop, and providing Wi-Fi access to the public. In all, there was an investment of over \$3 million over the last four years at Krohn. In 2004 alone,



"Castle of Air" Installation

over \$1.2 million was invested in Krohn. The public exposure and media attention to the reopening was extraordinary.

Corryville Triangle - The University of Cincinnati (UC) completely renovated this small park at Vine/Jefferson/M.L. King and is providing all maintenance, as a result of a partnership between the Park Board and UC. Staff worked with UC on the design and prepared a maintenance agreement and standards for UC to follow.

New Greenspace - In another partnership with the Hamilton County Park District, the Park Board agreed to accept over 50 acres of preserves in the vicinity of Mt. Airy Forest to add to the Park Board's greenspace properties. The properties link together a greenway stretching between the neighborhoods of Mt. Airy, College Hill and Northside. Staff managed the assessment of the properties and the determination of maintenance costs and funding for action by the Park Board.

Trail Grant - A State grant of \$90,000 was received from Ohio Department of Natural Resources to construct a three mile hiking trail linking Mt. Airy Forest and several preserves in the Kirby Valley. The trail will also link three neighborhoods. The grant application was prepared by staff with the assistance of a consultant.

Central Parkway - The Park Board received a grant of over \$660,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODNR) to revamp the landscape of Central Parkway between Broadway and Plum Street. The grant will enable parks to install more attractive and sustainable landscape within the medians of the islands which will enhance the southern entry to Over-The-Rhine and the northern boundary of downtown, supporting redevelopment efforts. A design team was put together by staff and a concept design was completed for review by stakeholders.

Central Riverfront Park - Working with the Mayor's office, the County, Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and the Port Authority, the Park Board was instrumental in getting a Federal appropriation of \$2 million for Central Riverfront Park. The park is a critical component of The Banks and the redevelopment of the riverfront. Funds will go toward construction documents for the first phase of the park. Staff provided project management, liaison with the Corps. of Engineers, and coordination with Cincinnati's Federal legislative delegation and the City administration. Staff also prepared a State funding request which became part of the regional funding request.

Leases of Park Property – The Park Board developed lease agreements for several properties so that private abutting owners could take on the improvement and maintenance of parks adjacent to their property. This achieved savings of tax dollars no longer needed to improve or maintain these properties. Park sites leased include Oldenview Park in East Price Hill and Northern Row Park in Over-The-Rhine. Maintenance agreements were also developed for the new Liberty Garden in Eden Park and for a section of Victory Parkway in Walnut Hills which the developer of the Schoolhouse Lofts will maintain in support of new housing. Both agreements will save tax dollars and will result in enhanced sites.

Armleder/Little Miami River Park - Park Board staff worked with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and HCPD to develop a new three-way partnership under which HCPD will fund future improvements to the park and will also provide maintenance and operation of the Park Board's portion of the site. Staff also provided coordination with ODNR.

Dog Park Expansion - The popular Mt. Airy Dog Park was expanded and enhanced thanks to a new partnership and contribution by the Cinergy Foundation. The contribution and volunteer effort will serve as a role model for future corporate contributions to Parks. Work was achieved through a combination of volunteer, staff and contractor efforts over the course of just a few days.

Technological Innovation - Piatt Park became the first City park to go Wi-Fi, offering Internet access to park users. The project was the result of a partnership with LPK, a graphic design firm with offices on the park, and with Goodnews Internet Services. Krohn Conservatory later became Parks' second Wi-Fi site. Parks also created a new website with detailed information on wildflowers and their specific locations within a nature preserve using global positioning.



Wifi at Piatt Park – Regina Carswell Interviews Tim Wells of Good News Internet Service, sponsor of free wires access in parks

Capital Improvement Plan - Facing a budget office recommendation for severely reduced capital funding, staff completed a comprehensive 10-year capital improvement plan and budget which resulted in the Park Board receiving higher levels of budget support, commensurate with prior year targets.

Park Improvements



Krohn Conservatory Re-glazing

Capital Improvements

Over \$4.4 million of capital improvements were completed at over 100 sites. These included the following highlights:

- New play equipment was installed at Mt. Airy and Wilson Commons.
- Walks were replaced at Wulsin Triangle, Stella Park, Auburn Triangle, Ault Service Garage, Fecheimer, Bellevue and French Park.
- The Eden Park Mirror Lake Gazebo was renovated on its 100th anniversary. Work included repair of the roof and cupola; deteriorated wood was replaced, ventilation was added, deteriorated ornamental metal column details were replaced, masonry was retuckpointed and sealed, and the entire gazebo was repainted.
- The shelter at Hinkle Garden in Eden Park and the Burnet Woods Bandstand were renovated.
- Comfort Stations were renovated at Alms, McEvoy, Rapid Run, and Inwood.

- The concrete-lined ponds at Rapid Run and Inwood were restored.
- The Ault Service Garage was renovated and structural repairs completed.
- Rehab work was done at the Park Police building, Alms Caretaker house and the Administration building.
- Roads were repaved at Burnet Woods, French Park, Mt. Echo, and Mt. Airy. The Martin Drive parking lot in Eden Park was repaved.
- Steps were reconstructed at Pioneer Cemetery and Owls Nest Park.
- Retaining walls were designed and constructed at Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park.
- The Ault Park Cascade and Terrace were restored and the Ault Pavilion masonry was restored.
- Furnishings and signs were installed at numerous sites.
- Plumbing, HVAC and electrical repairs were carried out at 18 sites.

Design Plans

- Designs were completed for phase one master plan improvements at Stanbery Park and the project was put out to bid.
- Plans were completed for the reconstruction of Hopkins Park.
- Central Riverfront Park went through several design refinements as staff worked with 3CDC, the Port Authority, the Freedom Center, the City and County to enhance the park and its interface with The Banks. Staff also worked extensively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who will be managing the project.
- New interpretive signs were designed and bid for installation at Theodore M. Berry International Park.
- A new design plan was completed for rehabilitation of LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center to include providing handicap-accessible toilet facilities, additional programming space, and refurbished restrooms.
- Staff worked with CRC and HCPD to review and approve phase two plans for Armleder-Little Miami River Park and phase two plans for Fernbank Park.

- Engineering plans were completed for the renovation of the Melan Arch Bridge and Eden Park Drive retaining wall.
- Engineering and surveying was initiated for the repair of the Elsinore Steps and hillside drainage.

Project Management - Staff worked with the Mill Creek Restoration Project on greenway projects including trails, and creek and habitat restoration. Staff also secured \$47,000 of grant funding from ODNR for the Seymour-Caldwell trail.

Properties - Staff completed legal work required to sell property along Eastern Avenue to a developer who will contribute funding for the construction and maintenance of a section of the Ohio River Trail and Greenway. Staff also worked with a developer to extend a lease of park property in Walnut Hills in support of upgraded housing.

Facility Maintenance

Facilities - There were 1,169 preventive maintenance tasks carried out of the 1,170 scheduled, a completion rate of over 99%, and 2,299 additional repairs and maintenance work carried out at facilities throughout the park system. This work was all completed by staff.

Contract Facilities Work - Over \$102,00 was spent at 93 different sites for facility repair and maintenance carried out by contract.

Staff worked on a variety of special projects including the following:

- Assisting with the installation of the Castle of Air, working on drainage and caulking.
- Repainted the sculpture at the corner of Central Parkway and Plum Street.
- Touching-up the paint on the arches at Piatt Park.
- Steps were reconstructed at Pioneer Cemetery and Owls Nest Park.
- Retaining walls were designed and constructed at Friendship Park.
- The Ault Park Cascade and Terrace were restored and the Ault Pavilion masonry was restored.
- Furnishings and signs were installed at numerous sites.
- Plumbing, HVAC and electrical repairs were carried out at 18 sites.
- Preservation of bronze sculptures and the Nash sculpture.
- Woodworking projects for the nature education program.
- Extensive masonry cleaning at the Colerain comfort station.
- Power washing a comfort station and Oak Ridge Lodge.

- Preparations for the Krohn Conservatory reopening and for the gala celebration.
- Providing construction assistance for the Dog Park Volunteer Day project.



“Castle of Air”

Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green & Beautiful

Clean...

- Removed graffiti from parks within 24 hours when reported
- Replaced 30 grills
- Over 600 hours spent painting and refurbishing picnic tables
- Over 8,000 hours spent removing honeysuckle
- Over 800 hours spent applying mulch to landscaped areas
- Removed approximately 150 truckloads of litter from various parks
- Cleaned and winterized fountains
- 220 hours spent laying mulch under playgrounds
- 2,500 hours spent on snow and ice removal
- 1,000 hours spent on winter pruning
- 400 hours spent on view clearing



Gazebo and Mirror Lake in Eden Park

Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green & Beautiful

Safe...

- Completed over \$4.4 million of capital improvements at over 100 park sites
- Completed the fourth and final year of re-glazing Krohn Conservatory, which included the installation of a handicap-accessible ramp and numerous repairs to the 71-year old facility
- Completed the redesign of Hopkins Park, which was funded with a \$500,000 Federal grant
- Installed four new playgrounds
- Completed the first design of Stanbery Park and put the project out to bid
- Replaced walks at seven locations and repaired roads, parking and steps at seven locations
- Structural repairs made at Rapid Run and Inwood
- Completed a Tree Hazard analysis for Park areas and eliminated over 200 hazardous trees
- Completed Storm Emergency Plan
- Provided 16 hours of “targeted” safety training for each Operation staff



Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green & Beautiful

Reliable...

- Conducted 250 playground inspections
- Performed 52 playground audits
- Successfully completed the Managed Competition bid for downtown parks and the green space program, saving the city over \$250,000 a year
- Completed Natural Resources Management Plan
- Responded to and resolved 1,286 Service Requests from citizens
- Responded to and resolved 316 storm emergencies
- Responded to and issued 1,200 reservations and permits for park events
- Conducted over 1,000 Nature Education programs, with a total of 41,000 participants
- Provided 45 summer nature camps in 17 locations for 4,894 campers
- Visitor Center responded to over 21,000 phone calls
- Maintained 120 Park buildings and carried out over 1,100 Preventive Maintenance tasks



Newly installed playgrounds

Clean, Safe, Reliable, Green & Beautiful

Green...

- Pruned 482 Trees
- Mulched 709 Trees
- Fertilized 126 Trees
- Ground 1,029 Tree stumps
- Completed 82.5 hours on Trail work
- Staged four floral shows at Krohn Conservatory, including the ninth annual Butterfly Show (50,000 visitors)
- Began the design of the 3-mile hiking trail to connect Mt. Airy Forest to Greeno Woods
- Redesigned eight major landscaped areas
- Maintained the Tree City USA status
- Over 2,500 volunteers hours spent planting trees



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- Installed a stunning new Orchid House display
- Renovated the 100-year old Mirror Lake Gazebo in Eden Park
- Renovated the Hinkle Gazebo and Burnet Woods Bandstand
- Completed the design and bidding for interpretive signs at Friendship Park
- Installed the Castle of Air Pavilion at Friendship Park
- Created the Cincinnati Garden in Munich, Germany
- Organized an “Art in the Parks” International lecture as part of the Flower Show
- Created the first departmental Horticultural Awards for garden design by Park Florists



Torrence Parkway

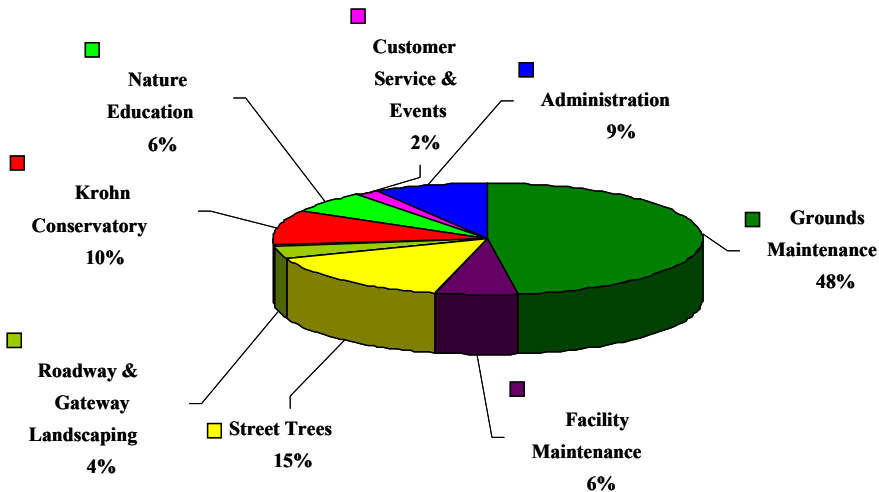


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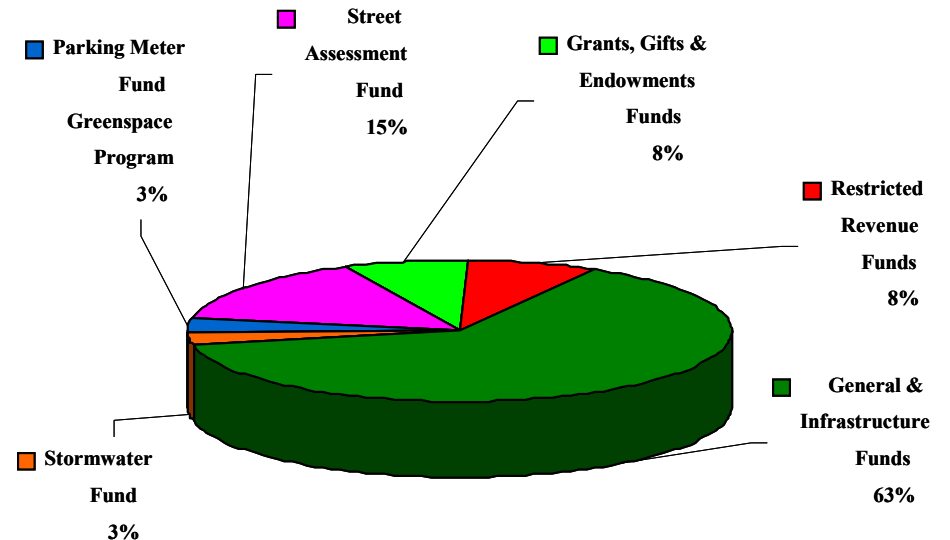
Cincinnati Parks' all-funds budget in 2004 was \$14.2 million. Of this total, 16% came from such non-tax supported sources as grants, donations, endowments, and sponsorships, as well as fees and permits. Private fundraising for parks is led by the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. Exclusive of capital improvements, the basic park operation budget component of the above total was over \$10 million. The pie charts illustrate the resource and expenditure budgets for 2004.

- Admissions, fees, rents, permits, and sales generated almost \$1 million in revenue funds.
- Private endowments funded almost \$1 million.
- Of the \$10.5 million all-funds operating budget, 19% came from non-tax resources.

**2004 Park Board Operating Expenditures
\$10,560,513**



**2004 Park Board Operating Resources
\$10,560,513**





Volunteer Services

Operations Division

Cincinnati Parks had another great year for volunteers. There were several successful projects with corporate groups in 2004, including two groups from Cinergy and one from General Electric. All of the participants worked especially hard to complete their assigned tasks.

The tally of volunteer hours for the Operations Division came to 12,668 hours. Cincinnati Parks appreciates the work completed by all of the enthusiastic and talented volunteers who are valuable assets to our staff members. The volunteer hours for 2004 are outlined on the table to the right.

Volunteers were treated to an excellent volunteer recognition at French Park again, as well as a lovely Holiday Party at Krohn Conservatory. The Volunteer Coordinator plans to spread the events throughout the year in 2005 and begin celebrating volunteer recognition during National Volunteer Week.

Green Up Day was disappointing weather-wise with tremendous downpours through most of the morning, which unfortunately affected the volunteer turnout as is reflected in the total volunteer hours for that day. Many of the projects were impossible to complete given the weather conditions.

Krohn Conservatory/Warder Nursery

All year the volunteers were hard at work assisting with projects such as horticulture helpers, tour guides, holiday ambassadors, Krohn Zone Cart assistants, Butterfly Show and a host of other activities. It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated people who care about their community.

Butterfly Show 2004

The 9th annual Butterfly Show brought 50,883 people out to Krohn Conservatory. There were approximately 75 species featured including butterflies from North America, Costa Rica, South America and Southern Asia. The volunteer duties consisted of working in the display room as a greeter, door guard, stamping hands or giving information. They also assisted in the craft room and took surveys. There was a diverse group of approximately 350 volunteers who participated in the Butterfly Show! The volunteers were very grateful that they received appreciation gifts such as tickets, a discount card, a water bottle cozy, backpack and also a butterfly bash.

2004 Volunteer Hours	
Volunteer Activity	Hours
Adopt-a-Plot Gardens	5,200.0
Bird Feeder	7.5
Bonsai	250.0
Butterfly Show	1,670.5
Craft Group	125.0
Eagle Scout Projects	911.0
End of Show Sale	20.0
Gardening Projects	200.0
Gift Shop	41.0
Holiday Ambassador	31.0
Horticulture Helper	576.5
Krohn Special Events	157.6
Krohn Zone Cart	16.5
Misc. Individual Volunteer	150.0
Nature Education	1,673.0
Parks Library & Archives	975.0
Special Events	500.0
Tour Guide	13.5
Trail Patrol	200.0
Training	187.5
Volunteer Coordinator Assistant	66.8
Warder Nursery	310.0
Work Projects	2,859.0
Total Volunteer Hours	16,141.6

The annual Holiday Party was held Thursday, December 2, 2004 at Krohn Conservatory. It was a lovely evening with an attendance of about 100 volunteers and staff present. The agenda included a greeting and thank you from Andrea Schepmann. Commissioner Roscoe Fultz conducted the tree lighting ceremony and there was live entertainment by the Marc Fields Trio. The volunteers each received a Poinsettia plant of their choice as a gift and thank you for another fulfilling year.

Tour Guides

The tour guides are truly ambassadors for Krohn Conservatory. A total of 13.5 volunteer hours were accumulated on tours in 2004. The tours take place Monday through Friday to school groups, brownie troops, girl scouts, garden clubs, senior groups and many more. The tour of the conservatory generally lasts about 45 minutes. Depending on the type of tour and how vocal the group is, the tour may be longer or shorter. The tour guides always express how important the Krohn Conservatory is to our city. The tour guides receive on site training from Krohn staff and receive information on various plant materials. Many students and teachers write letters of thanks and appreciation to the wonderful job that the tour guides are doing.

The Craft Group

The craft group is a group of ladies that meet once a month at Bettman Natural Resources Center. In 2004, the ladies contributed over 100 hours of service. They made and repaired all of the natural ornaments that are used annually for the Holiday tree at Krohn Conservatory. As in previous years, the Craft Group supplied Krohn with ornaments for sale in the gift shop. The ladies of the craft group do an exceptional job with anything they do.





Neighborhoods and Community Events

Cincinnati Parks Advisory Councils

The Cincinnati Park Board has always received excellent support from individuals and stakeholder organizations in the neighborhoods. Some groups have formalized their advocacy of a particular park by creating a “park advisory council”. Currently, Cincinnati Parks has active relationships with 16 park advisory councils.

On a regular basis, representatives from each park advisory council meet under an umbrella organization called the Cincinnati Parks Advisory Council (CPAC). This organization provides a forum for park advisory council representatives to share ideas, report on current programs/projects and receive park staff updates on Cincinnati Park’s budgetary, programmatic and operational issues. CPAC’s mission is to “build and maintain public support for Cincinnati Parks, advise and provide feedback to the Cincinnati Park Board, and exchange and share information between park advisory councils and provide mutual support.”

At the May 18, 2004 CPAC meeting it was decided to hold meetings on a quarterly basis. In 2004 the CPAC meetings were held at Avon Woods Nature Preserve (August), and the Cincinnati Parks Administration office (November).

The following individuals represented their respective park advisory councils/neighborhoods during 2004:

Park Advisory Councils	Neighborhood
Friends Of Alms Park Anne-Fogel-Burchenal/Barb Lichtenstein	Columbia-Tusculum
Ault Park Advisory Council Peter Brumm	Mt. Lookout
Avon Woods Advisory Council Ruth Neupauer	North Avondale/Paddock Hills
Burnet Woods/Mt. Storm Park Advisory Council Steve Slack	Clifton/Corryville
California Woods Advisory Council Ty Easley	California

Park Advisory Councils	Neighborhood
Drake Park Advisory Council Michele Dragga	Kennedy Heights
Friends Of Fleischmann Melvin & Brenda Grier	Avondale
Greater Cincinnati Tree Council Walter Kautz	Citywide
Kennedy Heights/ Woodford Parks Advisory Council Lisa Pickering/Kate Kern	Kennedy Heights
Laboiteaux Woods Advisory Council Drew Asimus	College Hill
Larz Anderson Park Advisory Council Ann Rigling/David Beckett	Columbia Tusculum
Mt. Echo Advisory Council James Turner	Price Hill
Northside Greenspace Inc. Steve Albert	Northside
Rapid Run Advisory Council Mary Jo Bazeley	West Price Hill
Stanbery Park Advisory Council Mark & Heather Lorenz/Priscilla Elgersma	Mt. Washington
Wilson Commons Park Advisory Council Doug Boschert/Robert R. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	East Price Hill

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Fleischmann Gardens Advisory Council



Everybody's Backyard Picnic at Drake Park



Everybody's Backyard Picnic at Drake Park
Red Tail Hawk from Raptor's Inc.

Neighborhoods and Community Events

Customer Services, Programs & Events

The Customer Services, Programs and Events Section provides opportunities for park clientele to reserve Cincinnati Parks' premier facilities, lodges, outdoor wedding areas, and picnic areas; secure special use park permits; and enjoy park sponsored concerts and special events.

Programs & Events

Park Board sponsored events:

- The Piatt Park Acoustic Lunch Series
- The Big Dance Series at Owl's Nest Park, Mt. Echo, and Eden Park at the Seasongood Pavilion
- Everybody's Backyard Picnics at Daniel Drake Park and Fleischmann Gardens
- Plaza Jazz Series at Diggs Plaza in Burnet Woods
- Balluminaria at Mirror Lake in Eden Park

Hosted special events of partner organizations:

- The Civic Garden Club's plant sale at Hauck Gardens
- Juneteenth Festival in Eden Park, the Hood Tour Concert at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion
- Cycle Race Series in Ault Park
- Summer Dance series at the Ault Park Pavilion, sponsored by the Ault Park Advisory Council
- Family Fun Fridays at Rapid Run Park
- Summer Sounds community concert series at Burnet Wood's bandstand
- Ault Park & Hoffner Park Independence Day celebrations
- Price Hill Day in Mt. Echo Park
- Eden Song Series at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion
- Eden Park Chess Tournament
- The Over the Rhine Community Festival
- National Night Out at Ault Park
- Hyde Park Art Show in Hyde Park Square, and various winter holiday lighting displays



Everybody's Backyard Picnic at Drake Park



Diggs Plaza Jazz Series – Hawthorne & Steins



“Balluminaria” – Eden Park, Mirror Lake



Acoustic Lunch Series at Piatt Park – Tracy Walker

Summary of the 2004 Reservation Season

<u>Reservation Services</u>	<u>Rentals</u>
Premier Facilities	
Alms Park Pavilion	17
Ault Park Pavilion	35
French House	16
Krohn Conservatory	8
Mt. Echo Pavilion	6
Oak Ridge Lodge	64
Maple Ridge Lodge	87
TMBIFP Pavilion	4
Total:	237
Outdoor Wedding Areas	
Ault Park Rose Garden	31
Ault Park Brumm Arbor	5
Eden Park Hinkle Gazebo	6
Mt. Airy Wedding Gardens	26
Mt. Storm Temple of Love	27
Total:	95
Group Picnic Areas	
Alms Park	27
Area 22 & Stone Steps	70
Total:	97
Picnic Shelters	
Drake Park	30
French Park	35
Mt. Airy-McFarlan Woods	36
Mt. Echo Park	23
Rapid Run	30
Total:	154
Bandstands	
Burnet Woods	10
Seasongood Pavilion	11
Washington Park	20
Total:	41



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Friday, October 22, 2004

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



*Orchid House
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Our Organization

The Cincinnati Parks Foundation is a nonprofit charitable 501 (c) (3) organization. The Foundation was created by the City of Cincinnati Board of Commissioners in 1995 to develop a long-term continuous fundraising program to support our City's parks and greenspaces. Under our Foundations Code of Regulations, the "members" of the Foundation are the Board of Park Commissioners. Trustees of the Foundation, nominated and approved by our Executive Committee, are appointed by the "members" (i.e. the Board of Park Commissioners).

The organizational structure is designed to provide a relationship between the Foundation and the Board of the Park Commissioners that fosters a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and partnership.

The following are some of the highlights of the Parks Foundation's efforts:

The grand reopening of the Krohn Conservatory was a tremendous success, as we are grateful to everyone who came together to help us provide a flourishing celebration of the Krohn Conservatory. After a \$3 million dollar restoration, which included additions such as, 4,300 new panes of glass, a new orchid display, a wheel chair ramp and a larger display of trees, rocks and ponds creating a more natural setting. The Orchid Room expansion also allowed Krohn to build a fountain and waterfall where it will display the carnivorous plant collection. We'd like to thank our sponsors once again: Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc., Friends of Krohn, Helen G., Henry F., and Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation, Montgomery Inn, LaRosa's, Ohio Valley Wine Company, Teak Thai Cuisine, Alpine Valley Water, Good News Internet Services, Andy's Mediterranean Grille, Fifth Third Bank, Camargo Rental Center, LPK, Rough Brothers Greenhouses, Splottkyreco and groups such as, YP Cincy and other stakeholders who rallied together to showcase the benefits of Parks, with approximately 300 people in attendance!

The Ludlow Kessler Campaign funds the Cincinnati Parks Foundation operating expenses. In 2004, we had an extremely successful year in this campaign, raising \$122,000 toward our goal! By the beginning of June 2004 Ludlow/Kessler Campaign letters were mailed to over 2,000 donors from our database. The Foundation also has a goal to receive 100% participation from its Trustees and to expand the donor base through the existing Trustees each year. The Trustees' participation totaled 80% for 2004, and the Park Board Commissioners participation totaled 100%! A great success to us, as the Ludlow/Kessler campaign is the lifeline for the operation of the Foundation.

The Cincinnati Park Board, the Cincinnati's Parks Foundation and the community collaborated to raise money for a new overlook in Alms Park. We are proud to announce that the Alms Park Overlook Campaign is complete. The campaign fundraising goal was \$90,690, to date; the campaign has raised \$118,451. An endowment will be established for the additional \$27,761 raised over the goal. The contract was awarded and the project will begin in February, with a completion date of May 2005.



Parks Foundation Trustees – Bruce Petrie, Ty Easley, Gus Long, President, and Grant Cowan

We are delighted to announce that 2004 marked the first year for the Cincinnati Park Board to introduce wireless Internet access into two of our city parks. Now Cincinnatians are able to take their work outside and enjoy a beautiful day! Please visit Piatt Park and the Krohn Conservatory to enjoy and support our efforts to modernize the experience of our magnificent parks!

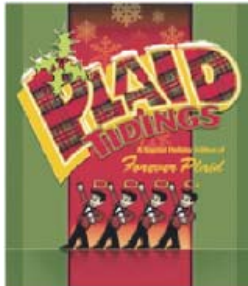
Through our efforts to promote fundraising events at the Playhouse in the Park and Krohn Conservatory, our talented event committee, dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors helped raise over \$55,000 in 2004. The Patsy Cline benefit performance raised over to \$25,000 for the Parks Foundation, as well as Plaid Tidings, a benefit performance at the Playhouse, which raised over \$30,000 to also support Parks Foundation operations. Thank you to our sponsors of the Patsy Cline benefit performance: US Bank, Margaret and A. G. Lafley, Cincinnati Horticultural Society, Frost Brown Todd, PNC Advisors, the Otto M. Budig Family Foundation, Zaring Family Foundation, Graydon Head & Ritchey, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, A Taste of Class, Chef's Choice, Elegant Fare, Jeff Thomas Catering, Benson's Catering, Montgomery Inn, Mix It Up, April Flowers and Gifts, and the Village Pantry. We would also like to thank those who supported our Plaid Tidings event, sponsored by: the Otto M. Budig Family Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Convergys, Frost Brown Todd, Kaplan Foundation, Riverpoint Capital, the Zaring Family Foundation, Graydon, Head & Ritchey, US Bank, PNC Advisors, Arleene Keller, Cincinnati Horticultural Society, Miami Systems Corp., A Taste of Class, Bensons, Chef's Choice, Elegant Fare, Jeff Thomas Catering, Klug/Charter Bus Service, and Village Pantry.



Nature Next Door Celebration – Ina Levinson, Saks Fifth Avenue, Commissioner Roscoe Fultz, Park Board; Willie F. Carden, Jr., Director of Parks; Christopher Smitherman, City of Cincinnati Councilman; and Ty Easley, Vice President of Parks Foundation

Cincinnati Parks Foundation – Plaid Tidings Event

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Alms	3,040.0	79,724.30	9,198.10	\$ 10,420.60	\$ 99,343.03	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 111,143.03
Annwood	491.5	12,605.80	1,454.40	1,647.70	15,707.88	7,045.00		7,045.00	22,752.88
Armleder	9.0	265.40	30.60	34.70	330.72			-	330.72
Auburn Triangle	238.0	4,407.00	508.50	576.00	5,491.47			-	5,491.47
Ault	10,686.0	290,264.30	33,488.90	37,939.80	361,692.98	7,343.00	85,500.00	92,843.00	454,535.98
Avon Woods	349.0	8,576.10	989.50	1,121.00	10,686.53			-	10,686.53
Bellevue	1,113.0	25,150.10	2,901.70	3,287.30	31,339.09			-	31,339.09
Bettman	354.0	12,646.30	1,459.10	1,653.00	15,758.37		14,625.00	14,625.00	30,383.37
Bishop	164.0	2,788.70	321.70	364.50	3,474.89			-	3,474.89
Bowdle	232.5	4,177.30	481.90	546.00	5,205.20			-	5,205.20
Bradford Felter	8.0	169.50	19.60	22.20	211.21			-	211.21
Bramble	4.0	70.20	8.10	9.20	87.48			-	87.48
Burnet	4,635.5	99,049.50	11,427.70	12,946.50	123,423.72	4,010.00	15,795.00	19,805.00	143,228.72
Buttercup	62.5	1,633.70	188.50	213.50	2,035.72			-	2,035.72
Caldwell	492.5	12,879.20	1,485.90	1,683.40	16,048.51		23,895.00	23,895.00	39,943.51
California	481.5	12,892.40	1,487.40	1,685.10	16,065.01		3,300.00	3,300.00	19,365.01
Central Parkway	2,331.5	53,140.20	6,131.00	6,945.80	66,216.97	24,100.00		24,100.00	90,316.97
Channel 48	167.5	4,178.70	482.10	546.20	5,206.94			-	5,206.94
Clarks Point	49.0	1,850.30	213.50	241.80	2,305.62			-	2,305.62
Classen	220.5	4,030.10	465.00	526.80	5,021.78			-	5,021.78
Colerain Connector	106.0	4,199.60	484.50	548.90	5,233.07			-	5,233.07
Columbia Parkway	89.5	2,497.60	288.20	326.50	3,112.20			-	3,112.20
Downtown	2.0	48.10	5.60	6.30	59.97			-	59.97
Drake	1,823.0	44,931.80	5,184.00	5,872.90	55,988.63		2,250.00	2,250.00	58,238.63
Dunham	5.0	134.30	15.50	17.60	167.35			-	167.35
Dunore	204.5	3,832.00	442.10	500.90	4,775.02			-	4,775.02
Eastern Avenue	173.0	4,798.90	553.70	627.30	5,979.84			-	5,979.84
Eden	16,435.3	388,273.60	44,796.60	50,750.40	483,820.56	7,542.00	2,250.00	9,792.00	493,612.56
Eggleston	371.0	6,344.40	732.00	829.30	7,905.68			-	7,905.68
Ezzard Charles	339.0	6,840.90	789.30	894.20	8,524.33			-	8,524.33
Fairview	947.0	22,444.20	2,589.50	2,933.60	27,967.32			-	27,967.32



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Fecheimer	53.5	1,213.00	139.90	158.50	1,511.51			-	1,511.51
Fernbank	18.0	340.50	39.30	44.50	424.27			-	424.27
Fleischmann	9.0	269.90	31.10	35.30	336.26	53,763.00		53,763.00	54,099.26
Fountain Square	11.0	218.50	25.20	28.60	272.30	40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,272.30
Fox Preserve	25.5	532.20	61.40	69.60	663.18			-	663.18
French	3,237.0	89,751.60	10,355.00	11,731.20	111,837.79	5,554.00	9,750.00	15,304.00	127,141.79
Glenway	646.0	13,291.80	1,533.50	1,737.30	16,562.71			-	16,562.71
Glenway Woods	146.5	2,266.70	261.50	296.30	2,824.47			-	2,824.47
Hauck Gardens	280.0	6,668.10	769.30	871.60	8,309.01			-	8,309.01
Heather Hill	1.5	45.00	5.20	5.90	56.03			-	56.03
Hill Street	0.5	13.90	1.60	1.80	17.30			-	17.30
Hoffner	245.0	6,667.70	769.30	871.50	8,308.55		3,750.00	3,750.00	12,058.55
Hopkins	212.5	3,854.90	444.80	503.90	4,803.52			-	4,803.52
Hopple Street	2.0	35.10	4.00	4.60	43.74			-	43.74
Hyde Park Square	402.5	14,166.40	1,634.40	1,851.70	17,652.45	600.00	3,375.00	3,975.00	21,627.45
IFP	2,002.0	33,187.30	3,828.90	173,537.80	210,554.07			-	210,554.07
Inwood	1,579.0	42,287.40	4,878.90	5,527.30	52,693.61			-	52,693.61
Jackson Hill	444.5	7,800.80	900.00	1,019.60	9,720.40			-	9,720.40
Jefferson	2.0	48.10	5.60	6.30	59.97			-	59.97
Jergens	260.5	7,628.90	880.20	997.20	9,506.25			-	9,506.25
Johnson	6.5	194.80	22.50	25.50	242.78			-	242.78
Kennedy	1,506.0	33,359.90	3,848.90	4,360.40	41,569.10		5,250.00	5,250.00	46,819.10
Laboiteaux	196.0	5,679.10	655.20	742.30	7,076.68			-	7,076.68
Larz Anderson		-	-	-	-	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00
LeBlond	76.0	1,986.40	229.20	259.60	2,475.26			-	2,475.26
Lincoln	8.0	140.40	16.20	18.40	174.96			-	174.96
Ludlow	4.0	58.50	6.70	7.60	72.90			-	72.90
Lytle	20.5	495.10	57.10	23,064.70	23,616.97	17,000.00		17,000.00	40,616.97
Madison	384.5	10,238.10	1,181.20	1,338.20	12,757.49			-	12,757.49
Magrish	240.5	6,502.60	750.20	849.90	8,102.83		2,250.00	2,250.00	10,352.83
Marion Triangle	44.0	912.00	105.20	119.20	1,136.44			-	1,136.44



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Mayfield	375.5	7,643.10	881.80	999.00	9,523.89			-	9,523.89
McEvoy	829.5	17,258.80	1,991.20	2,255.90	21,505.83		4,665.00	4,665.00	26,170.83
McMicken	62.0	1,471.90	169.80	192.40	1,834.09			-	1,834.09
McMillan	52.5	1,102.20	127.20	144.10	1,373.46			-	1,373.46
Miles Edwards	416.5	8,976.90	1,035.70	1,173.40	11,185.96			-	11,185.96
Mitchell	17.5	263.60	30.40	34.50	328.51			-	328.51
MLK	733.0	13,142.00	1,516.20	1,717.80	\$ 16,376.02			-	\$ 16,376.02
Mohawk	110.5	3,521.00	406.20	460.20	4,387.46			-	4,387.46
Montgomery Triangle	297.0	8,320.90	960.00	1,087.60	10,368.50			-	10,368.50
Morris	319.5	8,476.50	978.00	1,107.90	10,562.41			-	10,562.41
Mt. Airy	18,041.0	471,346.00	54,381.00	61,608.60	587,335.61	28,643.00	82,800.00	111,443.00	698,778.61
Mt. Echo	4,911.0	102,460.20	11,821.20	13,392.30	127,673.72	5,639.00	18,000.00	23,639.00	151,312.72
Mt. Hope	10.0	287.10	33.10	37.50	357.74			-	357.74
Mt. Storm	835.5	19,329.50	2,230.10	2,526.50	24,086.16	4,555.00		4,555.00	28,641.16
Northern Row	3.5	104.90	12.10	13.70	130.73			-	130.73
Oakley	248.0	9,365.60	1,080.50	1,224.20	11,670.32	16,000.00		16,000.00	27,670.32
Oldenview	221.0	4,956.70	571.90	647.90	6,176.47			-	6,176.47
Owl's Nest	709.5	15,320.60	1,767.60	2,002.50	19,090.77			-	19,090.77
Parker Woods	165.0	3,864.40	445.90	505.10	4,815.36		4,035.00	4,035.00	8,850.36
West Fork	14.0	245.70	28.30	32.10	306.18			-	306.18
West side	311.5	7,186.60	829.10	939.30	8,955.04			-	8,955.04
Wilson	379.5	8,124.50	937.40	1,061.90	10,123.85			-	10,123.85
Windham	22.5	534.60	61.70	69.90	666.13			-	666.13
Wood Pick-Up	292.5	6,169.20	711.80	806.40	7,687.33			-	7,687.33
Wulsin	256.0	7,006.60	808.40	915.80	8,730.80			-	8,730.80
Urban Forestry	8,883.5	236,105.70		1,314,484.30	1,550,590.00	9,500.00	7,500.00	17,000.00	1,567,590.00
Greenspace	4,052.5	66,086.10		323,569.00	389,655.15	10,000.00	67,800.00	77,800.00	467,455.15



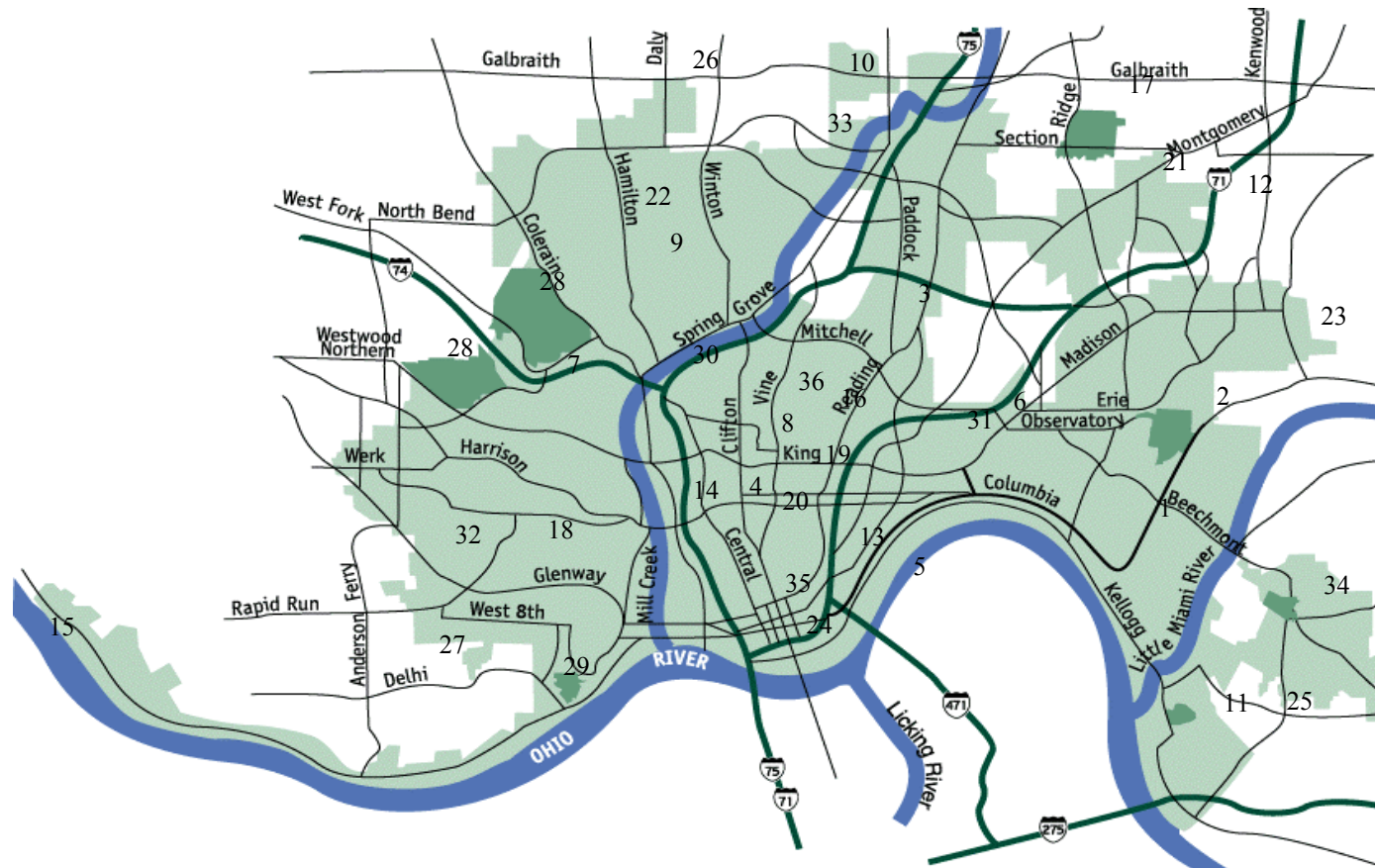
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Map of Major Parks



1-Alms Park, 2-Ault Park, 3-Avon Woods, 4-Bellevue Hill Park, 5-Berry, Theodore M., Int'l Friendship Park, 6-Bettman Center, 7-Brodbeck Preserve, 8-Burnet Woods, 9-Buttercup Valley & Parkers Woods, 10-Caldwell Preserve, 11-California Woods, 12-Drake Park, 13-Eden Park & Krohn Conservatory, 14-Fairview Park, 15-Fernbank Park, 16-Fleischmann Gardens, 17-French Park, 18-Glenway Woods, 19-Hauck Gardens, 20-Inwood Park, 21-Kennedy Heights Park, 22-LaBoiteaux Woods, 23-Little Duck Creek, 24-Lytle Park, 25-Magrish Preserve, 26-McEvoy Park, 27-Miles Edward Park, 28-Mt. Airy Forest, 29-Mt. Echo Park, 30-Mt. Storm Park, 31-Owl's Nest Park, 32-Rapid Run Park, 33-Seymour Preserve, 34-Stanbery Park, 35-Washington Park, 36-Zoo